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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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\$\frac{\partial}{\partial}\$ Mr. Pastedont, the manines you self to Lebanon 17 months are now being withdrawd on your orders. Considering their inability to achieve their peackeeping mission and the cabualties they suffered, has the citylined States lost credibility in the region? Has Syria won? And where do their states of their states on, I don't think first of all that you can say we have lost as yet. I know that things don't look bright — as bright as they have at some times in this last year and the last periods and their states of their successions and their successions are their successions and their successions are successful to the successful their successful their

ut think it's time to reviewe a little story here and what this mission is and is, and

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af was his brother, under the laws of that country.

"A few months ago — late summer or early fall — because of the progress, remember the talks that distarted in Geneva about broadening the base of the government to take that the country is a summer of the government to the country in the country is a summer of the government of the great of the government of the great of the government gave great element in the country representation.

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Those meetings went on. I think there was progress in that. The Government of Lebanon then arrived at any agreement with israel for peace between them and a withdrawal of is between them and a withdrawal of its between them and a withdrawal of its between them and a withdrawal of its between the between the word of the property of the property of the part of the problem. The problem and it think this is an uniquestion that the success that this stabilising force was having — that

Motive for Pullout

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Q. Mr. President, you said that the
terrorist attacks were a factor in the
withdrawal. Does this mean that terturnist attacks like that can succeed in
the Middle East and elsewhere?
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Impact of the Pullout

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Q. Mr. President, on Feb. 2 you loud
The Wall Sixeer Journal that if we
pulled out of Lebanon ther's would be
disastrous results worldwide for us,
and you also said you weren't going to
cut and run even though there was a
widespread perception, that that's
cut and run even though there was a
widespread perception, that that's
do you think we will have now widespread — disastrous results worldwide because of this pullout? And I'd
like to follow up.
A. Belent here people who make
decisions and so forth and who have
to make them based on what is going
on, they're not going to see this as cutting, and running because, as I say,
task force is going to stay where it
last force is going to stay where it
had, because when it was speaking
then I was talking in reply to those
so I don't think that they're going to
view this in the disastrous way that I
had, because when it was speaking
then I was talking in reply to those
and go home without any regard to
whether our allies were going to do
the same thing or not. We vestayed in
consultation with them, we're acting
together and in synch with the
Journal of the supplication of the same thing or not. We vestayed in
consultation with them, we're acting
together and in synch with themoul
your send the Marines back in?
A. Well, that's a hypothetical, but I
don't know whether I could answer. If
I let me say this, if they could im
their mission then, yes, that would be
a reason for sending them in.

Purpose of Mission

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Q. Mr. President, when our marine compound was bombed, a lot of the parents of those young men said that they wondered what was the reason for the mission, and you've tried to all they wondered what was the reason for the mission, and you've tried to all they wondered what was the reason for the mission, and you've tried to you say to those parents, now that you've withdrawn the Marines to the ships, why more than 250 young men died there?

A. Andrea, I have talked to a great many of the families, the widows and the ships, why more than 250 young men died there?

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Shelling in Lebanon

Q. Mr. President,
A. My finger must not aim right,
Q. Someone jumping in the back,
Mr. President, our policy on naval
shelling has been that it's in responses
to attacks against our marines on the
to attacks against our marines on the
being withdrawn to the safety of
ships, does this mean that there will
be an end to U.S. shelling in Lebanon?
A. Well there hasn't been some
shelling for quite a while, but remember the most recent shelling was not
the airport. It was because of shelling
of our embassy. Nowy that's United
States territory, and our embassy
personnel, for a number of days, were
living in the basemient, and for whatwas one tench that could be. There
was not seen that could be. There
was that or the embassy headquarters — and that's what we were responding to. But whe are behaving
with restraint now. We are fying
with restraint now. We are fying
been some transactor of fringe of ben'n
without result, I'm pleased to say,
and we have not responded because
we think this is a time for restraint
and for hopling tocol things down.

Arriving at Consensus

A Bill?

Q. Mr. President, why did you not initiate some action sooner on with a second terms of the president of the preside

amonth as the second of regions payment on the projected defletis. We've sought to schedule meetings almost every day but Democratic representatives have begged away from all but one meeting. It is roind to the save been so reluctant to negotiate. Be that ast imay, it is time to get down to business. If we don't act soon, we'll lose another year to truitless political posturing and legislative so. So I'm pleased to amounce they have agreed to attend their second meeting tomorrow and we'll be prepared to comment on their suggestions on defense spending. I rust they should be successful to the suggestions on defense spending. I rust they should be successful to be mine, stitling in the successful transport of the successful transport of the successful transport of the successful to the successful transport of the suc

Q. Well sir, what's your response to those who suggest that you don't spend enough time at the job of being President?

and for hoping to cold things down, and the form the first things the form of the first things that we're planning, and we're consulted the first things that we're planning, and we're waiting the first things that we're planning, and we're waiting the first things that we're planning, and we're waiting the first things that we're planning, and we're waiting the first things that we're planning, and we're waiting the first things that we're planning, and we're waiting the first things that we're planning and we're waiting until w

Q. Mr. President, are you still confident that there will not be a clash this year between borrowing by the Federal Government and borrowing by the private sector of a type that could abort the recovery? And if so, why?

Selling Alaskan Oil

Q. Back home, Mr. President that there will not be a clash this year between borrowing by the Federal Government and borrowing to the contract of the Con

Mondale's Charges

Q. Sir, Walter Mondale is one of those who is attacking you on the so-called leadership issue, but he goes beyond the things that you've fold Bill about. He says you are intellectually lazy and you're forgetful—so forget-nd that he says you re providing leadership by amnesia. What do you say to that

eral Reserves so that people who are bruying homes and cars can get a better rate of interest?

At think that the aft of the money supply increase that is consistent with a sound recovery without inflation. To go one way in excess, they could cause more inflation and I don't think they're planning on that. They could cause more inflation and I don't think they're planning on that. They could cause more inflation and I don't think they're planning on that. They could cause much and interfere with the recovery and I don't think they're going to do that.

I think that one of the reasons the interest rates have stayed where they are and the control of the second of the cartificial cures only brought on another and worse recession each time, I think they're not quite convinced yet that we mean it and that we are going trying to guard against getting caught again thy lending their money at a lower interest rate.

I think as they say that we're determined to follow the course, stay the link that we will see a further declire in the interest rate.

Now, listen, I'vy got to come over here.

Arabs and Israel

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Q. Last week you said the Arab-Israeli conflict must be resolved
through negotiations involving an exchange of territory for peace. Were
you teiling israel to reverse its settlement activity in the West Bank?

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Iraq-Iran War

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Jerry?

Q. Mr. President, if the war between Iraq and Iran is heating up in a rather periloss way, and I'd like to ask what the depth of your concerns are about he possibility that this war are about he possibility that the Japan and cut off the supply of oil of Japan and twister Europe and ourselves, and to what lengths you're prepared to go to keep, the Straits on Japan and twister the Japan and the Handle Straits of the Japan and the Straits of the Japan and Japan and

Message to Soviet

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O. Mr. President, do you have anything different to say to Mr. Chernether and the say to his predecessor. Mr. Andro say the his predecessor has been decembered to the work of the his predecessor his predec

Budget Deficit

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O. Mr. President, going back to
your opening statement, with your
nearly 200 fullion deficit bridget getting such a cool response on the fill, if
would you sit still for a bipartisan
budget written by Congress that (1)x
raised taxes and (2) made a sizable
out in the defense spending?
A. Gary, we are trying to do atfill, and the still, and the size of the size
on the other side of the size, first usggested, and I responded in my State of
the Union address to the idea of a bipartisan group getting together to go

putting more than 300,000 people to work every month instead of this big program. When a budget resolution was when a budget resolution was a solution was a solution with the solution of the

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